



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 30, 2004

**PRESENT:** THOMAS REYNOLDS JR., SELECTMAN; DOUGLAS R. COOK, SELECTMAN; HELEEN KURK, SELECTMAN; CO-CHAIRMAN LEON METHOT

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** ROBERT CHRISTENSEN  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** MERRY RICE

**SELECTMAN REYNOLDS ARRIVED AT 6:33 pm**

**GUESTS:** Frank Campana, James Blouin, Chuck Metcalf, Steve Flanders, Bob Nelson, Costas Papachristos, Bruce Clements, Michael Manna, Gerard Morin, Lise Blevins, Brian McDonald, Rev. William Stockhaus, Sharon Fudala, Justin Purington, Lincoln Heafield, William Dugay

**1. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

**Co-Chairman Methot moved that the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Kurk seconded to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c). A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Cook - yes; Selectman Kurk - yes; Co-Chairman Methot - yes. Passed 3-0-0.**

**In Attendance:** Co-Chairman Methot, Selectman Cook, Selectman Kurk, Town Administrator, Robert Christensen, James Blouin, Chuck Metcalf, Merry Rice.

**Co-Chairman Methot moved that the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Kurk seconded to come out of Nonpublic Session at 6:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Cook - yes; Selectman Kurk - yes; Co-Chairman Methot - yes. Passed 3-0-0.**

**Co-Chairman Methot moved that the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Reynolds seconded to seal and restrict the minutes of nonpublic session pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Cook - yes; Selectman Kurk - yes; Co-Chairman Methot - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Passed 4-0-0.**

**6:35 p.m. Co-Chairman Methot called the meeting to order.**

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There was no public participation

### 3. MANIFESTS

**Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated September 2, 2004 in the amount of: \$132,728.74 for accounts payable and \$26,341.49 for gross payroll at a total of \$159,070.23. Passed 4-0-0.**

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

**CABLE COMMITTEE** – Selectman Kurk wanted to thank the Cable Committee members that came in on Sunday to pull cable wire for an hour. The cable is all set when Walter Bohlin comes back to connect it.

**PRIMEX RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR** – Selectman Kurk had e-mailed the Board to let them know that the seminar for Saturday, Sept 11, 2004 had been cancelled because not enough people had signed up.

**JON WALLACE LETTER** – The Board thanked Mr. Christensen for writing a thank-you letter to Jon Wallace for his web site service. Mr. Christensen told the Board there is still an overlap and Mr. Wallace's web site cannot be shut off until everything is 100% running for about another month. The official web site now is [www.weare.nh.gov](http://www.weare.nh.gov). Mr. Christensen informed the Board that a press release went to two papers, the Goffstown News and the Weare Free Press. Selectman Kurk asks that the committee chairs check in and make sure their minutes are put on the web site by sending an email to the Webmaster, Tina Pelletier. Selectman Kurk informed the Board that there is now a monthly calendar on the web site which informs people of dates and times of committee meetings being held.

**BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE** – A volunteer Leonard Corey, submitted his application to serve on the Benefit Review Committee to the Board and **Selectman Kurk moved, Co-Chairman Methot seconded to accept Mr. Corey's application. Passed 4-0-0.**

**HEALTH TRUST LETTER** – A letter was received from Health Trust informing town employees that they were covered since August 1, 2004. Mr. Christensen said he talked with Elayne Pierson about free packets and they agreed to send a letter to all employees letting them know that a printout will go on the web site with the names of all the providers. Selectman Cook told the Board that there was no lapse in coverage just some confusion. This letter said the employees were notified July 7, 2004. Selectman Cook said because of the panic at the last board meeting the Board needs to watch what they say in regards to things and not just make accusations because it is not fair to the employees. The Board should know exactly what the facts are before they say anything.

**VOTER REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT** – A notice was received stating that residents can register to vote on September 7, 2004 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Clerk's Office or at the Clerk's Office during regular business hours. This is advertised in the newspapers and on cable.

**NOMINATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS** – The deadline date for this is September 10, 2004. The Board needs to be actively involved and can contact Bob Christensen with thoughts and maybe discuss at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting which is September 7, 2004 when the Board will also be discussing bi-weekly payroll.

**SUGAR AND SPICE DAYCARE** – Mr. Christensen informed the Board that there are 2 levels on this. On the contract Sugar and Spice put together was based on the original contract and Mr. Christensen went through it and found some things that were not quite tight. Mr. Christensen sent the contract to Primex and they went through and Ms. Janet Pinet made two or three changes and returned it to Mr. Christensen. Mr. Christensen gave the contract back to Sugar and Spice and they made the changes and returned to Mr. Christensen who then sent it to legal counsel. Attorney Dean Eggert said there is some relationship language that needs clearing up between the town and Sugar and Spice he will be returning it to Sugar and Spice so they can sign and return it to the Town.

**MUNICIPAL LAW LECTURES ON LAND USE** - Co-Chairman Methot asked Mr. Christensen if this schedule had been forwarded to Ms. Naomi Bolton in Land Use and Mr. Christensen said he would check it out and make sure she received a copy along with the ZBA and the Planning Board.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** – Selectman Cook said the Board needs to set some time aside in September for Capital Improvement. The Planning Board is requesting that these forms get back to them no later than September 16, 2004. Selectman Cook asked Mr. Christensen if he had time to visit with Department Heads to see what is expected in the future, if anything. Selectman Cook said the only thing he can see is that we continue to put money in the government building fund, computer and then retirement. Co-Chairman Methot suggested pulling up the figures from last year and starting from there.

**LETTER TO JON WALLACE** - Selectman Cook thought the thank-you letter that went to Jon Wallace from Bob Christensen that was mentioned earlier should have come from the Board of Selectmen and not from the Town Administrator only. The Board was in agreement with that.

## **5. PARKS AND RECREATION AND WEARE ATHLETIC CLUB DISCUSSION OF BALL FIELDS ETC. – 7:00 p.m.**

Selectman Kurk said the Board is hoping to find a means for Parks and Recreation to work with Weare Athletic Club in a manner that is amenable to both groups and that allows for respectful discourse between both groups. Selectman Kurk also believes that a discussion as to where different authorities lie might work well so that everyone will know where their responsibility to the Town and the organizations lies.

Selectman Reynolds said that one reason it is being discussed is because there have been some miscommunication and bringing both parties together, hopefully the small details can be worked out and address any particular issues that are at hand.

Bob Nelson thanked the Board for taking time to address some of the issues that have been in underground conversations for many years. Mr. Nelson said he has heard that he is a loose cannon, that the Weare Athletic Club does not support him and people are embarrassed by him. Mr. Nelson has also heard that there have not been any problems between the Weare Athletic Club and Parks and Recreation Commission that the problems only exist as having him President.

Mr. Nelson has also heard that he does not have the support of the club and these words came from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Nelson said these statements have been made in Town and like an open can of worms they cannot be taken back. Mr. Nelson said these statements are not true and as testament to the support he has, you can see by the people that have joined us here tonight. The Board is welcome to ask each and every one of them their feelings about Mr. Nelson and the work that he does for the club and they will tell the Board their honest and open opinion. Most of the people wished that the e-mail that went between Jim Blouin and Mr. Nelson had been handled a little different. In the past the Weare Athletic Club would do whatever was necessary to get the ball field ready or prepared whether or not Parks and Recreation knew about it and that is not the way that Weare Athletic Club planned to move forward since November of 2002. It is the Weare Athletic Club's policy since November 2002 to reach out to the Parks and Recreation Commission and work with them. There have been obstacles placed in front of them and certainly a lack of respect.

Mr. Nelson said you need only to look at the Town Report which thanks every paid vendor who did work in the Town for their support of the Parks and Recreation Commission yet you will notice that the Weare Athletic Club is not mentioned once. Mr. Nelson said that some are aware of the playground issue. Never has a gift horse been treated so poorly. This is a project of the Weare Athletic Club that is headed by a group of women who have taken this on like wildfire and are doing a great job. It is still under the license of the Weare Athletic Club and under the insurance policy of the Weare Athletic Club yet people have chosen to work around that and have cut the Weare Athletic Club up on decisions that have been made.

Mr. Nelson said, if you look at Bolton Field, this is another example of how the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Weare Athletic Club work together. In building that park, no one from the Weare Athletic Club was consulted because if they had been there would have been significant design changes in that field. Mr. Nelson explained that the people from the Weare Athletic Club have built highways, runways and have been involved in just about every sport field in the city of Manchester and Nashua, N.H. The Weare Athletic Club people can take a sample of soil and analyze it and tell you exactly what to put on that field to make it work right at no charge. The Weare Athletic Club wants to work with Parks and Recreation and not do things behind their backs.

Mr. Nelson said he would like to see the Weare Athletic Club recognized for what they do and respected for their knowledge, not only in the sports they run, but the fields they play on. The members of the Weare Athletic Club will be here at anytime, to do anything because we are not just about the parks in this town, because if you look at the parking lot in the center of town, the Weare Athletic Club fixed that. It has nothing to do with

playing sports, it has to do with the pride of the town. The Weare Athletic Club is committed, not only to improving the life's of the children who play, but also the town that they play in. It is important that Parks and Recreation and the Weare Athletic Club work together for the benefit of the Town and Mr. Nelson is not sure how to go about this because it has developed now into a personality conflict. As of November 1, 2004, there will be a new President of the Weare Athletic Club and it is our hope that these two organizations can get over this, and come out with a better understanding of how to work together.

Mr. Nelson said as he looks at the members of the Board of the Weare Athletic Club, comes to mind all the signs you see in the Town of Goffstown thanking John Sarette. Mr. Nelson said it is too bad that Mr. Sarette didn't see or hear this while he was alive. Mr. Nelson said he looks at Sharon Fudula and Costas Papachristos and said these are two examples of people that the Town should recognize for the work they have done, and they have not done it because they are looking for someone to say thank you. They have done it because it is the right thing to do and their pride comes when they step back and seeing it look good.

Mr. Nelson said if you look at the rest of the Board sitting here tonight, these people are not running for office, they're trying to do things so it is done right. Mr. Nelson said he sees a plague sitting out there for David Souter who was declared Citizen of the Year and Mr. Nelson suggests that there is a room full of people who deserve that award also.

Mr. Jim Blouin, Director of Parks and Recreation thanked Mr. Nelson for recommending him to be Citizen of the Year. Mr. Nelson said he was welcome. Mr. Blouin said at no time has he said something negative against the Weare Athletic Club. Mr. Blouin said he has praised them for all the work they do and he considers himself part of them because he coaches for them and helps them on clean field clean up days. Mr. Blouin said that at the closing of every Parks and Recreation meeting he thanks the Weare Athletic Club for what they do. Mr. Blouin said he has been on the Parks and Recreation Commission for a little over a year and the problems that are being addressed have been there before him. Mr. Blouin explained that while he was at a Fisher Cat game the people in Manchester were praising the Weare Athletic Club for work they did with the dirt that was picked up from the ball fields from the Fisher Cats. There was miscommunication regarding this dirt and emails went out and Mr. Blouin was being accused wrongly.

Mr. Nelson addressed this issue and said the problem was that the soil at Singer Park was contaminated and Weare Athletic Club was asked to prove where the soil came from. Mr. Nelson said a newspaper article implied that Weare Athletic Club took soil from a contaminated park. Miscommunication has been happening between Mr. Blouin and Mr. Nelson and it is creating a problem.

Selectman Reynolds stated that one of the goals for bringing both organizations together was to make more civil conversations and it would be good to have an open line between chairman and director on a weekly basis. Weare Athletic Club is doing a great job raising money, etc. and the Board of Selectmen cannot bring the groups together, the board cannot make anyone do anything. Selectman Reynolds said that he looks at Chuck Metcalf, as the Chairman of Parks and Recreation, to help open up the communications

from the town's side because with the turnout of people for the Weare Athletic Club this evening, they seem willing to work this out between the two organizations.

Mr. Metcalf said he had not known about the meeting this evening between Parks and Recreation and Weare Athletic Club until this past Friday when he was sent a reminder. Mr. Metcalf said that Mr. Nelson is correct, there are a lot of things that Weare Athletic Club does, they have a lot of expertise and rarely if ever, has Parks and Recreation said no to anything that Weare Athletic Club wants to do. Mr. Metcalf said there have been a lot of things that the Weare Athletic Club has done that would cost the taxpayers money if Parks and Recreation did it because all of Parks and Recreation's things come through the taxpayer's money. Mr. Metcalf said he is more than willing to sit on other committees to better the lines of communications if Weare Athletic Club wants to have a weekly meeting together.

Selectman Cook asked if Parks and Recreation had any input in the Bolton Field. Mr. Metcalf said they did not have any input because he was not on Parks and Recreation at that time. Mr. Metcalf said that when he got on Parks and Recreation the ball fields were in full bloom, and all constructed. He did go down there once during construction and he believes that Mr. Nelson was there. As far as the designs and what field was going to be put where, was before Mr. Metcalf got onto Parks and Recreation. Mr. Metcalf's understanding was that Bolton Field was a project of the Selectmen.

Co-Chairman Methot asked that Weare Athletic Club mesh some of their members with Parks and Recreation to bring some of their expertise and background to you folks because no one is an expert on everything.

Selectman Kurk said she would like the Board to clarify the responsibilities of Parks and Recreation so there is no confusion as to who does what and where the Athletic Club picks up. More communication is needed.

Mr. Nelson explained that Weare Athletic Club does not own the field as a club but are all members of the town. Weare Athletic Club puts out a bid to do an irrigation system and a guy comes in to design it and gives his advice to the town and does the work on how the irrigation system is to be done. Weare Athletic Club pays him to do this and he doesn't even live in the town. Weare Athletic Club will do the design and the work and the town doesn't even have to pay them. Weare Athletic Club wants the same respect that a paid vendor gets and they are members of the town. Parks and Recreation hired a surveyor to survey Purington Field when Weare Athletic Club could tell you what to do. They did not need a surveyor.

Mr. Nelson felt like an outsider when he went to his first meeting. Mr. Nelson would rather be called when something is going to be done to one of the ball fields instead of calling surveyors, etc. Weare Athletic Club believes that any decision made by them is going to be the best for anyone that steps on the fields. Mr. Nelson said to talk to Weare Athletic Club before projects get moved forward because they want to make smart and intelligent decisions.

Mr. Nelson said that a discrepancy Parks and Recreation and Weare Athletic Club had

were the dugouts. Parks and Recreation wanted to proceed one way and Weare Athletic Club wanted to proceed another. Weare Athletic Club went the way Parks and Recreation wanted and for the summer the coaches and players sat under the sun until the dugouts were dug.

Mr. Metcalf explained the situation that happened with the dugouts. An Eagle Scout had come to them with a design that he wanted to build. Mr. Nelson was there and it did not get completed because they did not have time to complete it before baseball season and the decision was made to wait until after because of safety reasons.

Mr. Nelson said having a weekly meeting would be good to schedule. An e-mail with issues would be good to do also. Mr. Nelson said the Town Report is one thing that drives a wedge between the two organizations. The Town Report should have thanked the Weare Athletic Club along with town employees. Weare Athletic Club has not come to the town for money yet explained Mr. Nelson.

Selectman Kurk asked Mr. Nelson how it plays out when Weare Athletic Club comes up with an idea and Parks and Recreation thinks it should be played out different. Mr. Nelson said they either take their advice or just go ahead and do it. Weare Athletic Club and Parks and Recreation need to have a give and take discussion. Soil and fertilizer would not be any give and take because Weare Athletic Club knows the right thing. Weare Athletic Club wants the respect. Weare Athletic Club people do not want to go to Monday night meetings and be on television. They do not want to be slandered so they will give the technical data needed so that they do not have to be part of the process. They want to be in the background.

Selectman Cook wants to see everyone go away from this meeting tonight with Parks and Recreation trying to communicate with Weare Athletic Club as much as possible and Selectman Cook would support Parks and Recreation seeking their advice.

Mr. Metcalf wanted to say for the record that Parks and Recreation know how to take soil samples also. Mr. Metcalf said he has no problem asking Weare Athletic Club for advice on certain things but he wanted to get back to Selectmen Kurk's point just to make sure that he is clear. Mr. Metcalf said the fields are owned by the Town and if it comes down to a discrepancy as to where to put a playground or whatever it is, does it come back to the Board of Selectmen?

Selectman Kurk said she thought it would be best if the two organizations conversed with each other and came to an agreement.

Co-Chairman Methot suggested that if the two organizations could not come to an agreement, then go to the Board of Selectmen for a decision to avoid any conflict with the two organizations.

Brian McDonald stepped up and told everyone that he was involved with Weare Athletic Club now and he believes the Board of Selectmen need to put the burden on their shoulders once and a while. The Board should oversee the welfare of the town.

Costas Papachristos of Weare Athletic Club stepped up and explained the situation that came up earlier about the topsoil. Mr. Papachristos works for a contractor and they are doing a job in Manchester and he asked his boss if he could have some topsoil from Memorial High School and was told sure and it was free of charge.

Bill Dugay of Weare Athletic Club stepped up and said what Mr. Nelson has done for his kids and everyone else's kids is unbelievable and he is sad to see him leave the Weare Athletic Club. Mr. Dugay said he was blown away that the Town did not supply benches for the children to sit on. They were provided by Weare Athletic Club. Most of the people on Weare Athletic Club do not have kids in the program and they still care and do great things for the kids. Weare Athletic Club is an important part of this town that needs to be looked at. Since 1994 that Mr. Dugay has been here, there is nothing that says thank-you to the Weare Athletic Club. Mr. Dugay said he wished he could be president of the club but he cannot do what Mr. Nelson does.

Co-Chairman Methot said the Town does the best they can with the dollars they have and he doesn't expect everyone to understand their part, their side of the table. He said it is a struggle sometimes.

Mike Manna of Weare Athletic Club said that freedom was the reason he joined the club. He also understands where Parks and Recreation is coming from, the red tape and processes they have to go through and budget. Things need to get done and Parks and Recreation will not have the money and Weare Athletic Club gets donations and manpower to get the project done. Mr. Manna said that Bolton Field will get better and probably because of Weare Athletic Club. Mr. Manna does not want to come to meetings like this to see how Weare Athletic Club and Parks and Recreation can get along. Mr. Manna wants a relationship with Parks and Recreation and hopes Parks and Recreation can recognize the talent that Weare Athletic Club has and is for the kids in the community and for the quality of life. There needs to be respect in the organization.

Jim Blouin wanted to bring up the Eagle project that was brought to them and was approved and did not happen on time and the dugout didn't get done this year. Mr. Blouin asked if that was a bad thing. The project of the dugout will get done by next year. Mr. Blouin informed everyone that there is an open position on Parks and Recreation that can allow two hours a month and they meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Co-Chairman Methot said he does not want to get involved to make decisions for Weare Athletic Club and Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation has other entities to worry about like the Town Hall, Gazebo, etc. Weare Athletic Club and Parks and Recreation will try to talk things out and have better communications with each other.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Parks and Recreation and Weare Athletic Club for attending this evening and having a discussion. Selectman Kurk suggested the two organizations talk on the phone or meet instead of sending e-mails. Weare Athletic Club meets the first Monday of the month at the Middle School. Selectman Kurk said that people with children know what is going on with Weare Athletic Club and people that don't have children don't know what is going on with Weare Athletic Club.

Mr. Nelson said they have discussed putting a flyer out or something in that nature to inform people exactly what Weare Athletic Club does.

## **6. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – 8:10 pm**

Mr. Christensen handed the Board various documents that needed signatures. Mr. Christensen also forwarded to the Board an MS1 form and 4 copies. The MS1 form needs to be in the mail tomorrow.

**BUDGET PROCEEDS INPUT SESSIONS** - Mr. Christensen confirmed again that there are 4 sessions and he confirmed the dates and times again that reflect the minutes of 8/16/04. The fourth date that was not confirmed at the last meeting is September 27, 2004 at the Auditorium of the Christ Community Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. which is at 727 South Stark Highway. The Selectmen's Office at 529-7525 can confirm dates and times with people. These sessions are designed for the Board to listen to people's opinions etc. and will not be televised.

**SAWYER ROAD SIGN OFF** - Mr. Christensen said the final sign off of that road has not been given yet. Mr. Christensen has called two residents and after conferring with Mr. Carl Knapp, Mr. Knapp is willing to meet with them. Co-Chairman Methot said he will rely on the Road Agent's expertise. Selectman Cook remembers that no building permit was to be issued until the road was done and he will look into this to see if that is correct.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER** – Mr. Christensen informed the Board there is a meeting with Local Government Center that is going to talk about the default budget, as well as, be aware, tax exemptions and credits, there have been new laws that have gone into place, specifically regarding disabled folks in exemptions and there will be some adjustments that will need to be looked at.

Selectman Cook said he spoke with someone today regarding the elderly exemptions and currently the State will allow up to \$500.00 for veterans exemption and we have it at \$100.00 and Goffstown just went to \$400.00.

**SAU** – Mr. Christensen talked with Jim Crane of SAU today and talked about shared resources. The SAU put out a newsletter this past weekend and he saw that they have an IT professional. Mr. Christensen found out after speaking with Mr. Crane that this person was actually full time. After calling other people Mr. Christensen found out that people who deal with the Middle School and Center Woods School are more on a contractual basis and maybe that person can explore some shared IT. Mr. Christensen said that the other area he wanted to look at was plowing and needing additional plow operators in the winter. Mr. Christensen wants to take a look at the feasibility of our Public Works Department handling all of their plowing and they, therefore, pay for an additional person, and maybe we can kill two birds with one stone. Mr. Christensen said that Henniker did something similar and it didn't work. They shared the cost and the Town would plow the roads and the schools were left on the back burner. Schools should receive first treatment and this is something that we can look at to see if it is doable.

Co-Chairman Methot said that this was brought up before and it was a manpower issue and he strongly supports getting Mr. Knapp out of a plow truck and putting someone else in his place so that Mr. Knapp can take care of other things.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER** – The Local Government Center had the delegations and Selectman Petrain is the assumed voting delegate. Mr. Christensen asked the Board if they want to participate in this. Mr. Christensen told the Board that in their packets there are 4 proposals from 3 different towns. He asked the Board to take a look at them and said that additionally, the letter was talking about a full slate of recommendations. Mr. Christensen called the local government center and asked what the policy recommendations were and he was e-mailed multiple documents and he will forward to the Board via e-mail. This is scheduled for September 17, 2004 and by September 10<sup>th</sup> the Board will need to vote who they feel will be that delegate and look at proposals and go line by line as to how they feel, if indeed, they want to participate.

**WAIVERS FOR AMBULANCE FEES** – Elayne Pierson requests for waivers for ambulance fees. Ms. Pierson recommends reimbursement for ambulance fees.

**BOILER INSPECTION** – Mr. Christensen wanted to update the Board on the boiler inspection. He spoke with the insurance and learned there are 3 different boilers so the insurance identified the boiler numbers. The boiler that was inspected was installed in 2002 and the code went into effect in 1995 as such, so therefore, we should not pay the invoice. The insurance individual, Mr. Lou Fox, spoke with the State Boiler Inspector and he was going to talk to the contractor and it is still a work in progress.

Selectman Cook asked if the Code Enforcer would have been involved in that and Co-Chairman Methot said there are some gray areas but, yes, the Code Enforcer should have been involved. Selectman Cook said he thinks everything should be documented.

**VEHICLE FOR FIRE CHIEF** – Mr. Christensen said he is following up on the question that the Fire Chief and Board of Fire Wards proposed to the Board last week as far as a vehicle coming from the emergency vehicle capital reserve. Mr. Christensen spoke with Mr. Robert Fryer, Trustees of the Trusts Funds and he requested a copy of when that went into effect so they can review it and they can render an opinion.

Selectman Cook said he wanted to clarify something. When the Board is in the budget process and in the CIP process and asking for money, we go to the Planning Board and they are given the figures and you have the backup. Using Mr. Carl Knapp as an example, when Mr. Knapp goes and asks for \$400,000.00 in the vehicle truck and equipment fund, he has a backup as to what that adds up to. All that data is there so when someone asks him what the \$400,000.00 is for, Mr. Knapp will explain it, and Selectman Cook believes that is what the Fire Department did and voters were told this. Selectman Cook said the Fire Chief never had a vehicle until the Board gave him the red one so it is not like he had it for 10 years and all of a sudden it died. Selectman Cook said when you're making a request for them to budget an amount, and you're telling people what the money is going to be used for, and then later on down the road you want to use the money for something else, this is why things don't get passed.

**TOWN HALL SIGN** – Mr. Christensen said a citizen called him stating that they were going to hold a political meeting in the Library and they want to use the town hall sign to advertise that meeting. Mr. Christensen said his thought was no, on this basis. The Channel 6 bulletin board, which is a cyber bulletin board, versus a physical bulletin board, space is not available for promotion of partisan and non-partisan politics for religious purposes. Mr. Christensen wants to know what the difference is between the television and a hard sign sitting there. Mr. Christensen said the philosophy he is using is if there is no taxpayer dollars used for the cable and that's okay. If there is any, then he thinks there is an exact correlation there that you can't.

Co-Chairman Methot said, yes, there is taxpayer dollars used to finance the cable. Selectman Kurk asked if there was a clear policy on it.

Selectman Kurk suggested that Mr. Christensen call NHMA and Co-Chairman Methot suggested he check with Peter and Sue and at some point the Board should write a policy regarding that sign and get information from different sources and guidance from our attorney.

**SUGAR AND SPICE DAYCARE** – Mr. Christensen said that Sugar and Spice is going to be doing the contracting to the roof and they have put together the estimate as they were asked to do and it will come to \$9,846.00. They are estimating the job will start September 26, 2004. Mr. Christensen also asked Sugar and Spice to write up something stating they will hold the Town harmless in the event that they default on the payment. They understood that request and they got that from the contractor and Ms. Mary Martin of Sugar and Spice signed that today.

**Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Reynolds seconded to authorize Sugar and Spice Daycare to go ahead and repair their roof. Passed 4-0-0.**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** – Co-Chairman informed the Board that he got a note from Mr. Chip Meany saying that several months ago he was going to visit a friend of his out in the Mid West who is not in good health. He had asked for some time off back on Memorial Day and he has put it off until October 8, 2004. Mr. Meany is asking that he be granted time off even though he is still on probation. The Board all concurred that Mr. Meany is doing a great job and they do not have a problem with him taking time off.

**Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Reynolds seconded that Mr. Chip Meany take October 8, 2004 off for personal reasons in Michigan. Passed 4-0-0.**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**E-MAIL** – Selectman Cook said e-mail was sent out from Chairman Petrain about having a special meeting to talk about the Police Personnel Policy and setting the Chief's salary. Co-Chairman Methot said this can be talked about next Tuesday. Selectman Cook said that in preparation for this, he needs to be informed on what the Board can or cannot do when it comes to salaries, setting policies, etc. and asked Mr. Christensen to acquire some information from NHMA and find out where the Board's boundaries are. The position coming up for Chief of Police is a 3 year term similar to the Town Clerk and

the Board has control of the budget.

**SKATEBOARD PARK ORDINANCE** - Selectman Cook asked if the town had a skateboard park ordinance. Co-Chairman Methot said yes and it was done back in 1996 or 1997 and was revised in 2003. Selectman Cook requested a copy of this.

Selectman Cook said that New Boston just received an \$18,000.00 grant to put in a skate park.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Co-Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Passed 4-0-0.**

A True Record.

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Merry Rice, Recording Secretary